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TITLE OF INVENTION: DEVICE AND DRIVING METHOD THEREOF

APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE DUE	PUBLICATION FEE DUE	PREV. PAID ISSUE FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 10 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 10 day(s).

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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/633,964

Examiner

PRABODH M. DHARIA

Applicant(s)

INUKAI, KAZUTAKA

Art Unit

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- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 02-19-2008.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-40.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 02-14-2008
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

/Prabodh M Dharia/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2629

1. **Status:** Please all the replies and correspondence should be addressed to Examiner's new art unit 2629. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted on 02-14-2008 under IDS with RCE after the notice of allowance mailed on 09-21-2007 which, have been placed of record in the file. Claims 2-40, are pending in this office action. Claims 1 is cancelled.

2. Applicant's petition to withdraw from issue to consider newly filed IDS with RCE has been reviewed by USPTO legal petition department and petition has been approved and granted on 02-19-2008. The prosecution of the application number 10633964 has been reopened. Claims 2-40 are pending in this action. Claim 1 is cancelled.

Information Disclosure Statement

3. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted with RCE on 02-14-2008 was filed after the mailing date of the notice of allowance on 09-21-2007. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

4. Applicant has filed the information disclosure statement (IDS) on 02-14-2008 is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner. However, after further search and consideration the prior arts cited on the PTO 1449 fails to recite or disclose allowable limitations recited below; which puts application number 10633964 in condition for allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 2-40 are allowed.

6. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Applicant has filed the information disclosure statement (IDS) on 02-14-2008 in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner. However, after further search and consideration the prior arts cited on the PTO 1449 fails to recite or disclose the uniquely distinct features represented by underlined bold claim below;

Independent claim 2 identifies a uniquely distinct feature "wherein at least four data lines extend in each one of the pixel columns, and wherein the at least four data lines are connected to different data drivers". Independent claim 3 identifies a uniquely distinct feature "a first pixel and a second pixel arranged in the same column direction in the pixel portion, wherein each of the first pixel and the second pixel comprises a switching transistor and a light emitting element; a first data line electrically connected to the switching transistor of the first pixel; and a second data line electrically connected to the switching transistor of the second pixel".

Independent claim 4 identifies a uniquely distinct feature "wherein at least one scanning driver is provided to select at least two scanning lines out of the plurality of scanning lines simultaneously, and wherein at least two data drivers are provided to simultaneously supply signals to at least two pixels selected out of the plurality of pixels through the at least two data lines extending in each one of the pixel columns".

Independent claim 5 identifies a uniquely distinct feature "wherein at least one scanning driver is provided to select at least two scanning lines out of the plurality of scanning lines simultaneously, and wherein at least two data drivers are provided to simultaneously supply signals to at least two pixels selected out of the plurality of pixels through the at least two data lines extending in each one pixel column".

Independent claim 19 identifies a uniquely distinct feature "in the writing period, selecting two scanning lines simultaneously by at least one scanning driver, and simultaneously supplying signals by the at least two data drivers to at least two pixels selected out of the plurality of pixels through the at least two data lines extending in each one of the pixel columns".

Independent claim 20 identifies a uniquely distinct feature "in the writing period, selecting two scanning lines simultaneously by at least one scanning driver, and simultaneously supplying signals by the at least two data drivers to at least two pixels selected out of the plurality of pixels through the at least two data lines extending in each one of the pixel columns".

Independent claim 21 identifies a uniquely distinct feature "wherein a first data line of the plurality of data lines is electrically connected to the first switching transistor; wherein a second data line of the plurality of data lines is electrically connected to the second switching transistor; wherein a first scanning line of the plurality of scanning lines is electrically connected to the first switching transistor; wherein a second scanning line of the plurality of scanning lines is electrically connected to the second switching transistor; and wherein each of the plurality of pixels, the first pixel and the second pixel comprises the a tight-emitting element".

Independent claim 23 identifies a uniquely distinct feature "a first data driver for supplying a video signal to the pixels which are arranged in first to $m/2$ -th rows and in odd-

numbered rows; a second data driver for supplying a video signal to the pixels which are arranged in first to $m/2$ -th rows and in even-numbered rows; a third data driver for supplying a video signal to the pixels which are arranged in $(m/2+1)$ -th to m -th rows and in odd-numbered rows; a fourth data driver for supplying a video signal to the pixels which are arranged in $(m/2+1)$ -th to m -th rows and in even-numbered rows; a first scanning driver for controlling the scanning lines extending in the first to $m/2$ -th rows; a second scanning driver for controlling the scanning lines extending in the $(m/2+1)$ -th to m -th rows; and at least two data lines of the plurality of data lines extending in each one pixel column".

Independent claim 24 identifies a uniquely distinct feature "a first data driver for supplying a video signal to the pixels arranged in a m -th row; a second driver for supplying a video signal to the pixels arranged in a $(m+1)$ -th row; a third data driver for supplying a video signal to the pixels arranged in a $(m+2)$ -th row; a fourth data driver for supplying a video signal to the pixels arranged in a $(m+3)$ -th row; a first scanning driver for controlling the scanning line extending in the m -th row; a second scanning driver for controlling the scanning line extending in the $(m+1)$ -th row; a third scanning driver for controlling the scanning line. extending in the $(m+2)$ -th row; and a fourth scanning driver for controlling the scanning line extending in the $(m+3)$ -th row".

Independent claim 25 identifies a uniquely distinct feature "a first data driver for supplying a video signal to the pixels which are arranged in first to $1rd4$ -th rows through the data lines; a second data driver for supplying a video signal to the pixels which are arranged in $(m/4+t)$ -th rows to $m/2$ -th row through the data lines; a third data driver for supplying a video signal to the pixels which are arranged in $(m/2+1)$ -th row to $3\text{nd}4$ -th rows through the data lines;

a fourth data driver for supplying a video signal to the pixels which are arranged in $(3 \times m/4 + 1)$ -th row to m -th rows through the data lines; a first scanning driver for controlling the scanning lines extending in the first to $m/4$ -th rows; a second scanning driver for controlling the scanning lines extending in the $(m/4 + 1)$ -th row to $m/2$ -th rows; a third scanning driver for controlling the scanning lines extending in the $(m/2 + 1)$ -th row to $3 \times m/4$ -th row; a fourth scanning driver for controlling the scanning lines extending in the $(3 \times m/4 + 1)$ -th row to m -th row; and at least two data lines of the plurality of data lines extending in each column pixel'.

Independent claim 36 identifies a uniquely distinct feature "wherein at least two data lines of the plurality of data lines are arranged in a first pixel column, and the at least two data lines electrically connected to different pixels which are arranged in the first pixel column and wherein at least two data lines of the plurality of data lines are arranged in a second pixel column, and the at least two data lines electrically connected to different pixels which are arranged in the second pixel column".

Independent claim 37 identifies a uniquely distinct feature "wherein at least four data lines of the plurality of data lines are arranged in a first pixel column, and the at least four data lines electrically connected to different pixels which are arranged in the first pixel column and wherein at least four data lines of the plurality of data lines are arranged in a second pixel column, and the at least four data lines electrically connected to different pixels which are arranged in the second pixel column".

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue

fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Prabodh M Dharia whose telephone number is 571-272-7668. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8AM to 5PM.

8. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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